certain genetic abnormalities and diseases and under certain specific circumstances;

(3) Such techniques will be carried out only in genetic counselling centers, genetic laboratories and genetic clinics registered for the purpose. Existing institutions carrying out these techniques will have to get registered within a specified time;

(4) Before a woman is subjected to pre-natal diagnostic procedures, her written consent will have to be obtained after explaining to her the side and after effects of these procedures;

(5) A Central Supervisory Board will be set up at the Central level to review implementation of this legislation, to recommend changes in the Rules. and to create public awareness against the practice of female foeticide. It will comprise 15 official and non-official members (including medical professionals and representatives of women welfare organisations) with the Minister in charge of Family Welfare;

(6) Appropriate Authorities will be appointed in the States/Union Territories with powers to grant registration, ensure compliance of the provisions of the legislation, lay down and enforce standards and investigate complaints into malpractices. The Appropriate Authorities would be assisted by Advisory Committees comprising non-officials including social workers/representatives of Women's organisations.

(7) There wll be punishment for violation of the legislation for owners of centres, laboratories and clinics; the women undergoing such procedures and members of her family and other persons connected with such violations. The offences punishable under the legislation shall be cognizable, non-bailable and non-compoundable.

Opening of training schools for multi-purpose health workers

*513. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's cossideration to open new schools in Andhra Pradesh during Eighth Five Year Plan to train multi-purpose Health workers MPW(M);

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR-: (a) to (c) There is no poposal under consideration of Government for establishing new Male Multipurpose Health Workers' [MPW(M)] Schools. MPW (M) are trained in Health & Welfare Training Centres (HFWTCs) as well as in MPW (M) Schools. There are four HFWTCs and six MPW (M) Schools in Andhra Pradesh. These are sufficient for undertaking the training of MPW (M)s required by the State Government.

Discovery of a protein for contraception

*514. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Indian Express dated 14th July, 1992 regarding discovery and isolation of a protein by researchers at the Indian Institute of Science which could have vital applications in contraception;

(b) whether the research has also been conducted on the likely side-effects of the contraception; and

(c) whether any study has been conducted on the viability of its use by